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¹See Archibald Maclaine to JI, July 11, 1787, n. 4, in this volume.

²The statute establishing legal fees was passed on January 7, 1787. Clark, *State Records*, 24:804-807.

³An amanuensis is someone who takes dictation or copies from what someone else has written. *OED*, s.v. "amanuensis."

To Hannah Iredell

Newbern Nov. 27th. 1787.

My dear Hannah,

I had great pleasure in hearing of your being all well by my Brother's letter, tho' I should have /had/ greater satisfaction in receiving one from yourself. However, I impute it to Mrs. John Johnston being there.¹ I shall be sorry if I lose that opportunity of seeing them, but I hope you will in all events keep Annie. I wonder how our dear little Annie is reconciled to her name. I am extremely impatient to see you all again. One of the Cornell Causes was decided yesterday, against the Family, in consequence of which I imagine the rest will be discontinued.² Your Brother talks of leaving this today, but he will scarcely be able to do it. He is very anxious indeed to return. George Pollok (who is much cleverer than the other) is to come in either with him or me.³ We pass our time here very dully, having almost as few dinners given to us as the Judges had at Edenton.

I have had no application from Bradley. I am told he has employed Mr. Williams from the back Country. If I don't go to Tuckahoe (which I think not improbable, tho' I don't expect to conclude on any thing decisively) I shall leave this on Saturday.⁴ Give my tenderest love to Annie. God Almighty grant I may find you both & my other Friends well. Remember me to them, & believe me ever

Most affectionately yours,

Ja. Iredell.

P. S. The little complaint I had is entirely removed—

RC, Johnson Collection, NCSA. Addressed "Mrs. Iredell Edenton."

¹Elizabeth Williams Johnston (d. 1789) was the wife of John Johnston and sister-in-law of Hannah Iredell. *PJI*, 1:137n.

²This a reference to the anticlimactic end to the noted case of *Bayard v. Singleton*. The superior court confirmed the right of the Cornell family to a jury